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# BATMAN

**CATWOMAN  
RETURNS!**

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FELINE FOE IN A  
DARING NEW ROLE!**

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"The Secret Life of  
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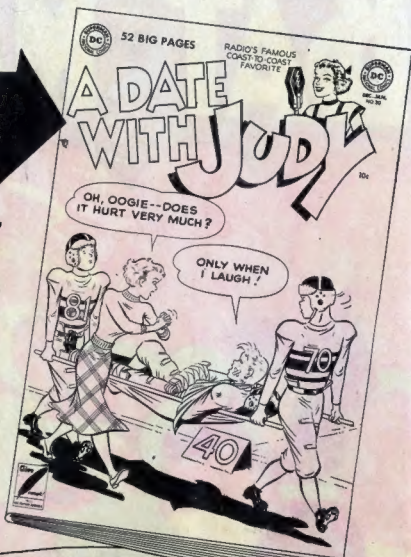


# EVERYBODY-BUT *EVERYBODY*

# WANTS

AND NO WONDER!  
JUDY'S THE DARLINDEST,  
DIZZIEST, SMARTEST,  
CUTEST GAL WHO EVER  
RACED THROUGH THE  
FAST-ACTION PAGES OF  
HER OWN MAGAZINE!

WHY DON'T YOU  
MAKE  
A DATE WITH JUDY  
TODAY?



## ON SALE EVERYWHERE!



- AND DON'T FORGET THAT  
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# BATMAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
- THE BOY WONDER -

the  
**CATWOMAN**  
**IS BACK!!**

YES, ONCE AGAIN THE PRINCESS OF PLUNDER RETURNS TO BARE HER CLAWS AT BATMAN AND ROBIN AS SHE PLANS CRIMES AS SMOOTH AS A CAT'S FUR! BUT THEN -- SOMETHING HAPPENS! AND EXACTLY WHAT THAT IS WILL ASTOUND YOU AS MUCH AS IT DID THE DARK, GLITTERING EYES OF THE CATWOMAN ARE MYSTERY AND THE ASTONISHING ANSWER TO ...

"THE  
Secret Life of  
the  
CATWOMAN"

by  
**BOB KANE**



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SOMEWHERE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY, AS HARD-FACED MEN LOOK EXPECTANTLY AT A MASKED FIGURE...

HA-HA... ANOTHER HEADLINE ABOUT US! SO FAR WE'RE DOING FINE, BOYS ... BUT FOR THE OTHER ROBBERIES I'VE PLANNED, I'M GOING TO NEED A PARTNER.

GOT ANYBODY IN MIND, MISTER X?

GOTHAM NEWS  
**MR. X MOB ROBS CITY BANK!**  
**NEW GANG CZAR'S THIRD HAUL THIS WEEK.**

YES-- THE CLEVEREST, MOST DANGEROUS-- AND MOST BEAUTIFUL LADY OF CRIME IN THE COUNTRY-- **THE CATWOMAN!**

**CATWOMAN?** BUT SHE'S IN JAIL!

THEN WE'LL GET HER OUT! YES, I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT... AND ONCE **CATWOMAN** IS FREE, NOTHING WILL STOP US! WE'LL EMBARK ON A CRIME WAVE THE LIKES OF WHICH GOTHAM CITY HAS NEVER BEFORE SEEN.

NEXT DAY, IN THE HOME OF POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON...

GOOD GRIEF, **BATMAN!** LOOK AT THAT HEADLINE ON THE TELEVISION SCREEN! **CATWOMAN'S** OUT TO COMMIT MORE CRIMES!

**CATWOMAN** ESCAPES THROUGH DYNAMITED PRISON WALL!

RIGHT, **BATMAN!**

NOT IF WE CAN HELP IT... RIGHT, **ROBIN?**

WHILE ELSEWHERE, IN A SPEEDING CAR--THAT **PRINCESS OF PLUNDER--THE CATWOMAN!**

SO YOUR **BOSS** PLANNED MY JAIL-BREAK, EH? BUT WHY?

HE NEEDS YOU FOR A DEAL, **CATWOMAN!** NOW I GOTTA **BLINDFOLD** YOU! **MISTER X'S** PLACE HAS TO BE KEPT SECRET--EVEN FROM YOU!

SOON, **CRIME QUEEN** MEETS **CRIME KING!**

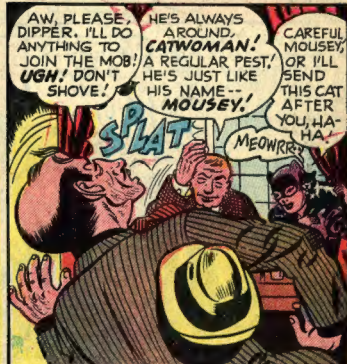
**MISTER X,** I PRESUME!

**CORRECT, CATWOMAN!** LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS! I'VE GOT MANY JOBS LINED UP FOR MY MOB, BUT IN ORDER TO WORK THEM, THE BOYS MIGHT HAVE TO KILL GUARDS OR WATCHMEN! THAT, I DON'T WANT... I DON'T EVER WANT A MURDER RAP HANGING OVER MY HEAD!



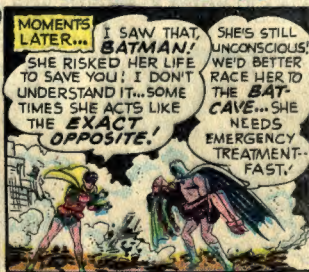
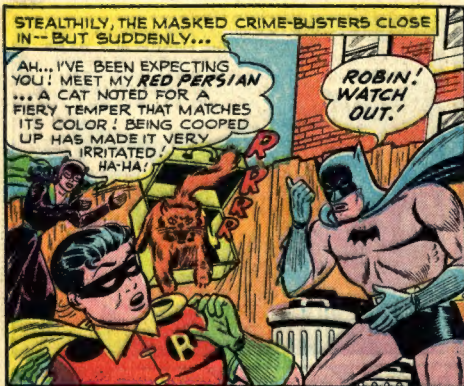


LATER, AS THE **CATWOMAN** AND **DIPPER** DISCUSS ROBBERY PLANS IN A CRIMINAL HANGOUT...

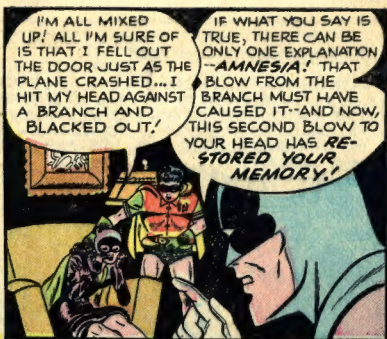


BUT AS SHE STEPS OUT INTO THE NIGHT...

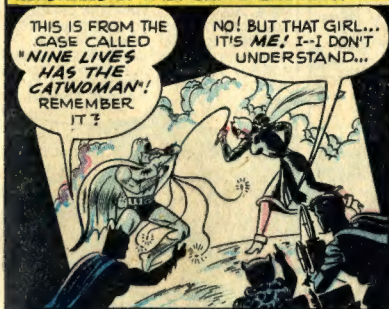








TO TEST HIS THEORY, BATMAN PROJECTS MICRO-FILM SLIDES, COLLECTED FROM NEWSREELS OF PAST CRIME CASES...



AND AS A PICTURE HISTORY OF THE CATWOMAN'S CRIMES IS SCREENED--"THE DUPED DOMESTICS," "THE CLAWS OF THE CATWOMAN," "THE LADY ROGUES"...



LATER, WHEN SELINA KYLE EXPLAINS THE FACTS TO THE COMMISSIONER...

**CATWOMAN...** ER... I MEAN MISS KYLE, IF YOU WISH TO ATONE FOR YOUR PAST CRIMES, YOU CAN DO SO BY BECOMING OUR UNDERCOVER AGENT.

THAT'S RIGHT, SELINA... YOU'RE OUR BEST LEAD TO **MISTER X**, SO WE WANT YOU TO REMAIN AS HIS PARTNER!

NO... PLEASE! I WANT TO PUT MY CRIMINAL PAST BEHIND ME!

YOU WILL... BUT AFTERWARD, REMEMBER, IF YOU PRETEND TO BE **MISTER X'S** PARTNER, THERE'LL BE **NO MORE KILLINGS!** YOU'LL BE DOING A PUBLIC SERVICE! AND IF MY PLAN WORKS, YOU'LL ONLY HAVE TO DO **ONE JOB!**

WITH YOU, AS OUR SECRET OPERATIVE, WE'LL GET **MISTER X**, AND... WHA...?

COMMISSIONER, I JUST PICKED UP THIS PUNK FOR CARRYING A GUN! HE... ULP! SORRY, SIR... I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALONE!

**MOUSEY!**

THIS MAN IS DANGEROUS! HE'S ALWAYS WANTED TO JOIN **MR. X'S** GANG! NOW, HE'LL SURELY TELL **MR. X** ABOUT ME -- AS A BRIBE!

IN THAT CASE WE MUST LOCK HIM UP! OFFICER, CHARGE HIM WITH CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON... NOBODY'S TO SEE HIM TILL THIS CASE IS FINISHED!

HUH? I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, **CATWOMAN!**

AFTER MOUSEY IS LED OFF...

WELL, SELINA KYLE... ALIAS THE **CATWOMAN**, YOU'RE NOW WORKING FOR THE LAW! DON'T FORGET THAT!

I WON'T-- UNLESS I GET **AMNESIA** AGAIN! I WAS SCARED, BUT NOT ANYMORE... NOT WHILE MOUSEY IS SAFELY LOCKED UP!

**BUT IS HE?** FOR AS SOON AS THE FURTIVE LITTLE CROOK IS ALONE IN HIS CELL...

HA, HA... LUCKY THOSE COPPERS DIDN'T FIND THIS FILE HIDDEN IN MY SHOE! ONCE I GET OUT, IT'LL BE BYE-BYE **CATWOMAN!**

EACH RASP OF THE FILE IS LIKE THE TICK OF A CLOCK... AND WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT, DEATH LOOMS CLOSER FOR SELINA KYLE -- ALIAS THE **CATWOMAN!**



THAT NIGHT, IN THE HALLWAY OF A FAMED RECORDING FIRM, SECRET OPERATIVE **CATWOMAN** EMBARKS ON HER UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENT..

REMEMBER THE STORY OF "BELLING THE CAT"? I'VE DONE JUST THAT: THE COLLAR'S MECHANISM WILL KEEP THIS BELL RINGING CONSTANTLY! NOW GET SET...



THEN, WHILE EVERYONE CHASES AFTER THE JANGLING CAT...

NICE WORK, **CATWOMAN**... THERE AIN'T A PERSON IN SIGHT! WE'LL GET A NICE HAUL HERE, SINCE ALL MASTER RECORDS ARE MADE OF **GOLD PLATE**.

THE SCOUNDRELS! DURING MY AMNESIA, I'D HAVE GLORIED IN THIS ROBBERY! NOW IT JUST SICKENS ME!



AND AS THE BELLED CAT IS RELEASED INTO A RECORDING STUDIO...

SOMEWHERE THE MOON IS... **EEEK!**

**OMYGOSH!** WE'VE GOT TO CATCH THAT CAT BEFORE HER BELL RUINS RECORDS IN THE OTHER STUDIOS TOO! COME ON-- **EVERYBODY!**



LATER, ON A LONELY ROAD...

HERE'S YOUR SHARE, **CATWOMAN**... AND THIS PAPER HAS THE NAME OF THE NEXT PLACE WE ROB!

BUT WAIT... I THOUGHT I WAS TO DEAL WITH **MISTER X** PERSONALLY!

SORRY... **MISTER X** GAVE ORDERS! YOU DON'T SEE HIM TILL ALL THE JOBS ARE DONE!



STILL LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS..

SO--THE WELPRIF CASH REGISTER COMPANY IS NEXT ON THEIR LIST!

YES, COM-MISSIONER-- BUT MUST I GO ON WITH THIS? I FIND STEALING SO HATEFUL... SO HORRIBLE!

WE'LL HAVE TO CHANGE OUR PLANS-- GET **MISTER X** DIFFERENTLY! NOW, LISTEN..



MEANWHILE, IN MOUSEY'S CELL...

ONE BAR GONE! TWO MORE TO GO! THEN, I'LL BE OUT TO TIP OFF THE GANG ABOUT **CATWOMAN!**



WILL MOUSEY ESCAPE IN TIME? WILL HE BE ABLE TO EXPOSE THE **CATWOMAN** TO CERTAIN DEATH?

LATER, ATOP THE WELL-GUARDED CASH REGISTER PLANT...

THE DOOR OPENS BY ELECTRICITY—WHEN A GUARD PUSHES DOWN THAT SWITCH LEVER! BUT HOW DO WE GET AT THE SWITCH? IT'S OVER 20 FEET DOWN—AND AT THE SIDE!

JUST WATCH THIS **MECHANICAL MOUSE!**

SILENTLY, THE CORD UNREELS UNTIL THE "MOUSE" ALMOST TOUCHES THE FLOOR...

IF THAT LEVER WASN'T SET SO FAR OVER, WE COULD DROP SOMETHIN' HEAVY ON IT, BUT... BUT... HEY, WHY THE CAT?

THIS CAT WILL OPEN THE DOOR FOR US!

AND AS THE CATWOMAN RELEASES THE LIVE ANIMAL...

SEE? SHE'S SPOTTED THAT FAKE MOUSE! AND THE ONLY WAY SHE CAN REACH IT IS BY FIRST LANDING ON THAT **DOOR LEVER!**

STEEL DOOR OF PLANT STARTS TO OPEN... ③

PURSUIT OF TOY MOUSE! ①

ELECTRIC FAN—1ST LANDING! ②

DOOR LEVER GOES DOWN OPENING DOOR! ②

BEFORE THE GUARDS REALIZE IT, **MISTER X'S** MEN ARE THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR...

JUST RELAX, BUD... AND IT WON'T HURT A BIT!

**CLUNK!**

**MEORRRP**

BUT AS THEY CROSS ANOTHER ROOM...

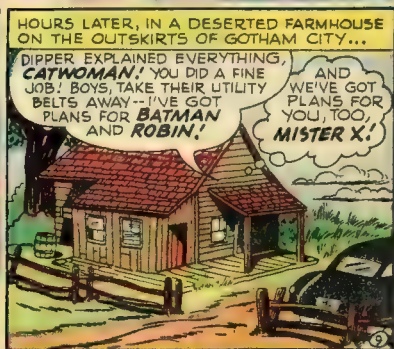
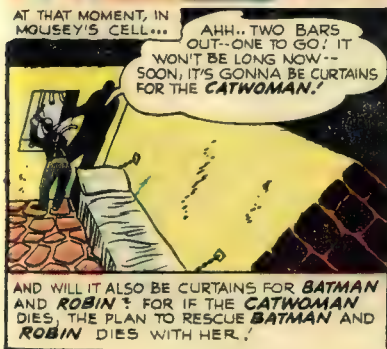
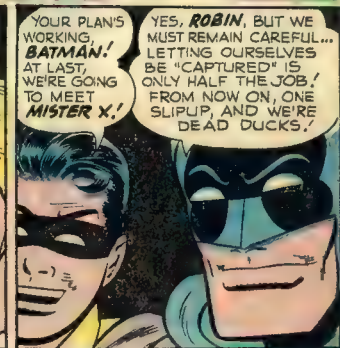
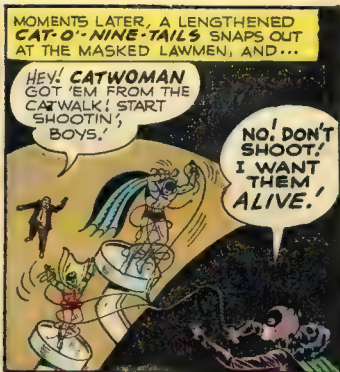
QUICK!—**ROBIN!** SWING BACK TO THE CASH REGISTER!

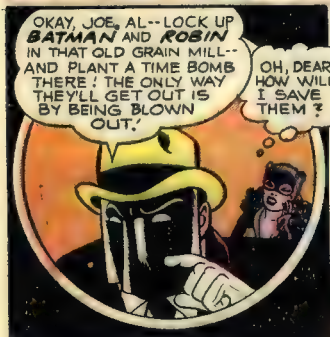
LOOK!... UP THERE... IT'S **BATMAN AND ROBIN!** SAIL INTO 'EM, BOYS!

UH-UH!.. NO SAILING TODAY!

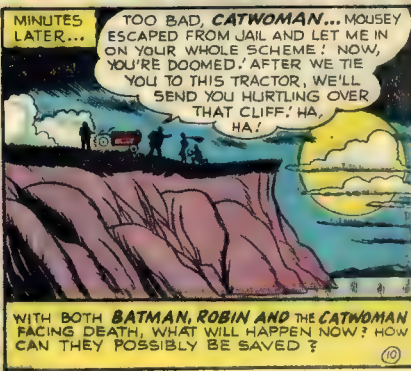
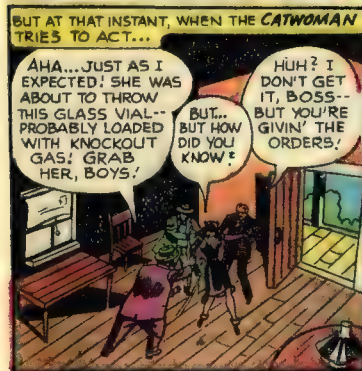
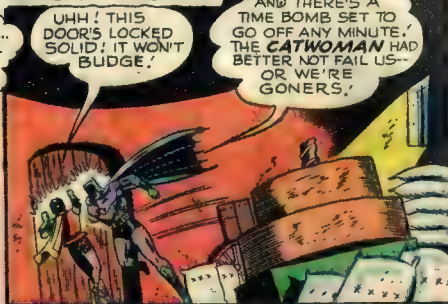
**NO SALE**







SOON, IN *MISTER X'S* MAKESHIFT PRISON...



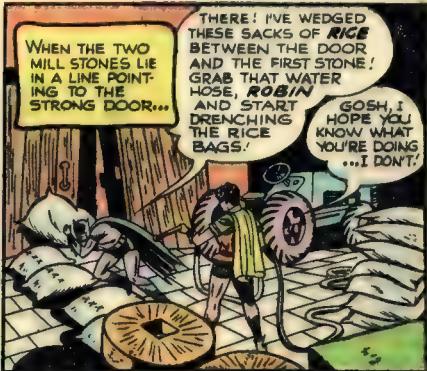


MEANWHILE...



WE CAN'T RISK WAITING FOR THE CATWOMAN ANY LONGER! ROBIN, HELP ME PUSH THIS MILL STONE TO THE FLOOR! HURRY!

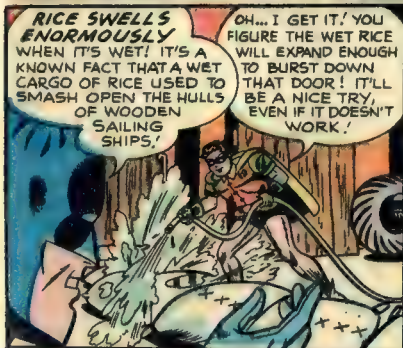
SURE... BUT I DON'T GET IT, BATMAN!



WHEN THE TWO MILL STONES LIE IN A LINE POINTING TO THE STRONG DOOR...

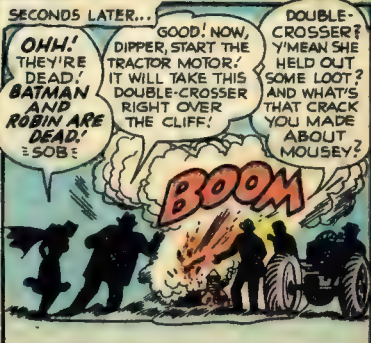
THERE! I'VE WEDGED THESE SACKS OF RICE BETWEEN THE DOOR AND THE FIRST STONE! GRAB THAT WATER HOSE, ROBIN, AND START DRENCHING THE RICE BAGS!

GOSH, I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING... I DON'T!



RICE SWELLS ENORMOUSLY WHEN IT'S WET! IT'S A KNOWN FACT THAT A WET CARGO OF RICE USED TO SMASH OPEN THE HULLS OF WOODEN SAILING SHIPS!

OH... I GET IT! YOU FIGURE THE WET RICE WILL EXPAND ENOUGH TO BURST DOWN THAT DOOR! IT'LL BE A NICE TRY, EVEN IF IT DOESN'T WORK!



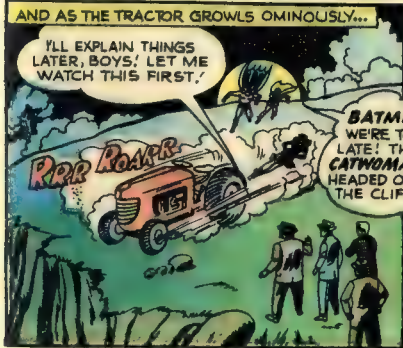
SECONDS LATER...

OHH! THEY'RE DEAD! BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE DEAD! SOB!

GOOD! NOW, DIPPER, START THE TRACTOR MOTOR! IT WILL TAKE THIS DOUBLE-CROSSER RIGHT OVER THE CLIFF!

DOUBLE-CROSSER? Y'MEAN SHE HELD OUT SOME LOOT? AND WHAT'S THAT CRACK YOU MADE ABOUT MOUSEY?

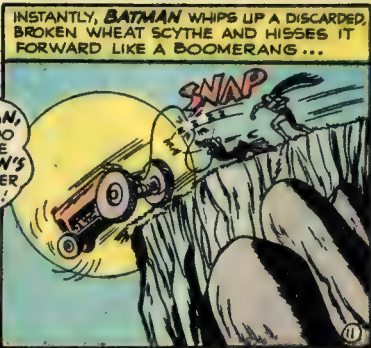
**BOOM**



AND AS THE TRACTOR GROWLS OMINOUSLY...

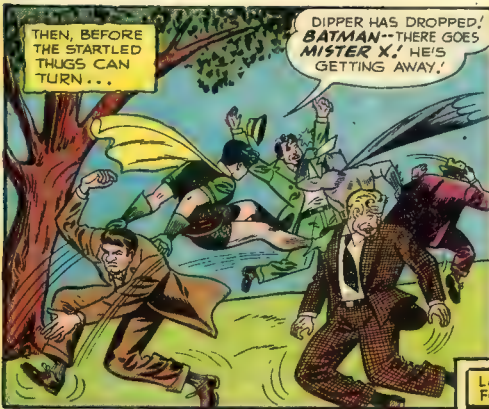
Y'LL EXPLAIN THINGS LATER, BOYS! LET ME WATCH THIS FIRST!

BATMAN, WE'RE TOO LATE! THE CATWOMAN'S HEADED OVER THE CLIFF!



INSTANTLY, BATMAN WHIPS UP A DISCARDED, BROKEN WHEAT SCYTHE AND HISSSES IT FORWARD LIKE A BOOMERANG...

**SNAP**



THEN, BEFORE THE STARTLED THUGS CAN TURN...

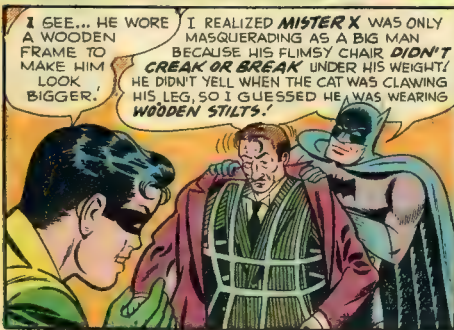
DIPPER HAS DROPPED! BATMAN--THERE GOES MISTER X. HE'S GETTING AWAY!



THANKS FOR THE HAND, CATWOMAN! AHH-- I HAD A HUNCH MISTER X WAS A SHORT MAN!

SHORT MAN?! WHY, MISTER X IS MOUSEY!!

LATER, MOUSEY EXPLAINS THE REASON FOR HIS DISGUISE...

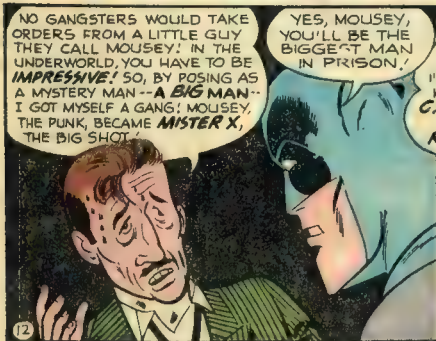


I SEE... HE WORE A WOODEN FRAME TO MAKE HIM LOOK BIGGER.

I REALIZED MISTER X WAS ONLY MASQUERADING AS A BIG MAN BECAUSE HIS FLIMSY CHAIR DIDN'T CREAK OR BREAK UNDER HIS WEIGHT! HE DIDN'T YELL WHEN THE CAT WAS CLAWING HIS LEG, SO I GUESSED HE WAS WEARING WOODEN STILTS!



FIRST, IT WAS A GOOD COVERUP! THE COPS WOULD BE HUNTING FOR MISTER X, NOT A PUNK NAMED MOUSEY! YEAH... MY NAME... MOUSEY ... THAT WAS THE REAL REASON FOR EVERYTHING...



NO GANGSTERS WOULD TAKE ORDERS FROM A LITTLE GUY THEY CALL MOUSEY. IN THE UNDERWORLD, YOU HAVE TO BE IMPRESSIVE! SO, BY POSING AS A MYSTERY MAN--A BIG MAN-- I GOT MYSELF A GANG! MOUSEY, THE PUNK, BECAME MISTER X, THE BIG SHOT!

YES, MOUSEY, YOU'LL BE THE BIGGEST MAN IN PRISON!



AND SO, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS!

THAT'S THAT! FROM NOW ON I'M PLAIN SELINA KYLE! THE CATWOMAN HAS RETIRED!

I WONDER! SOMEHOW, I THINK THE LAW WILL AGAIN NEED THE SERVICES OF CATWOMAN--POLICE OPERATIVE... AND IT MAY BE SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

THE END



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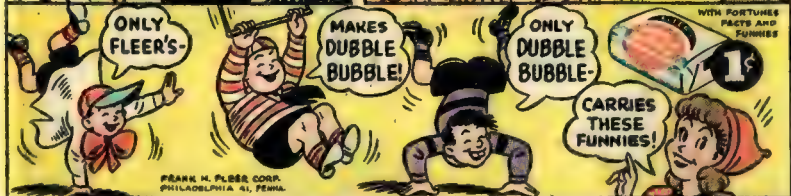
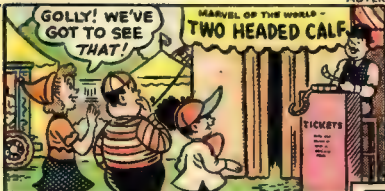
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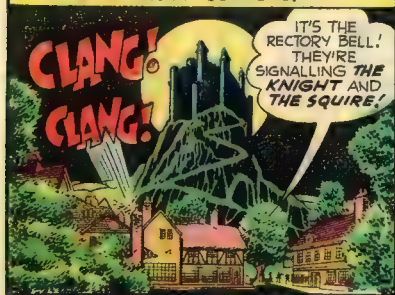
-THE BOY WONDER-

WHEN TWO ADMIRERS OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, IN FARAWAY ENGLAND, DECIDE TO FIGHT CRIME LIKE THEIR AMERICAN HEROES, THEY LITTLE DREAM WHAT DEADLY DANGERS AWAIT THEM! FOR THE KNIGHT AND THE SQUIRE, AS THE BRITISH VERSION OF THE DYNAMIC DUO CALLS ITSELF, ARE DESTINED TO FIGHT THE CLEVEREST CRIMINALS OF TWO CONTINENTS! YOU'LL READ ALL ABOUT IT IN --

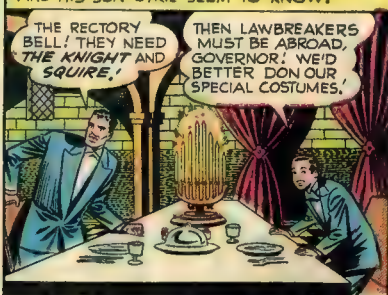
“The BATMAN of ENGLAND!”



OUTSIDE THE QUIET VILLAGE OF WORDENSHIRE, ENGLAND, RESOUNDS A CLANGOROUS BELL TOLLING AN URGENT SUMMONS.



**THE KNIGHT AND THE SQUIRE?** WHO ARE THEY? THE EARL OF WORDENSHIRE AND HIS SON CYRIL SEEM TO KNOW!



HASTENING DOWN TO ONE OF THE SHADOWY CRYPTS BENEATH THE OLD CASTLE...



PRESENTLY, TWO MASKED MEDIEVAL FIGURES ROAR OUT BY A SECRET PASSAGE, ON "WAR HORSES" THAT ARE REALLY POWERFUL MOTORCYCLES.



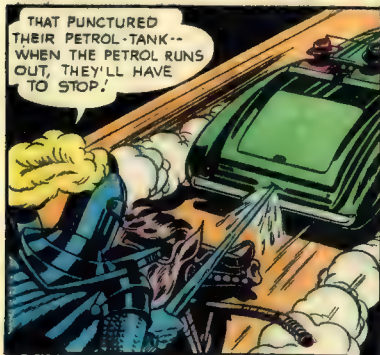
**THE KNIGHT AND THE SQUIRE**—AN ENGLISH IMITATION OF THE DYNAMIC DUO! AND JUST AS A SQUIRE OF OLD ASSISTED HIS KNIGHT, THIS SQUIRE ASSISTS HIS FATHER IN CRUSHING CRIME!



MOMENTS LATER, AFTER A SWIFT PURSUIT...





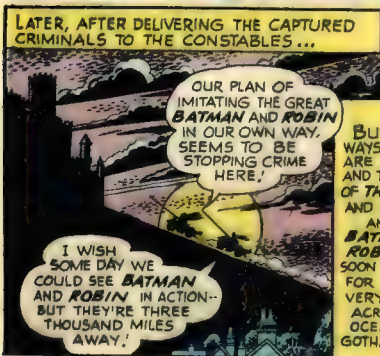


THAT PUNCTURED THEIR PETROL-TANK-- WHEN THE PETROL RUNS OUT, THEY'LL HAVE TO STOP!



THE BEWILDERED ROGUES TRY TO FLEE, IN VAIN!

WELL DONE! THAT WAS WORTHY OF ROBIN, MY SQUIRE!



LATER, AFTER DELIVERING THE CAPTURED CRIMINALS TO THE CONSTABLES...

OUR PLAN OF IMITATING THE GREAT BATMAN AND ROBIN IN OUR OWN WAY, SEEMS TO BE STOPPING CRIME HERE!

BUT THE WAYS OF FATE ARE STRANGE, AND THE PATHS OF THE KNIGHT AND SQUIRE AND OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, ARE SOON TO CROSS! FOR ON THIS VERY NIGHT, ACROSS THE OCEAN IN GOTHAM CITY...

I WISH SOME DAY WE COULD SEE BATMAN AND ROBIN IN ACTION-- BUT THEY'RE THREE THOUSAND MILES AWAY!

THE BAT-SIGNAL! COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTS US, BRUCE!



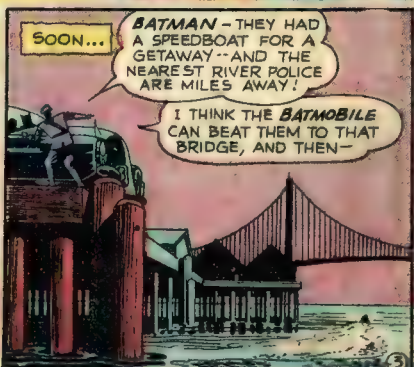
LET'S HOPE IT'S THAT MOB OF MATT THORNE'S WE'VE BEEN HUNTING FOR!



A SWIFT TRANSITION, AND BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON ANSWER THE SUMMONS AS BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!

WAREHOUSE BANDITS AT WORK, ON THE WATERFRONT!

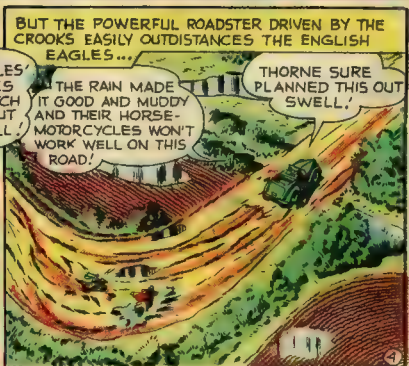
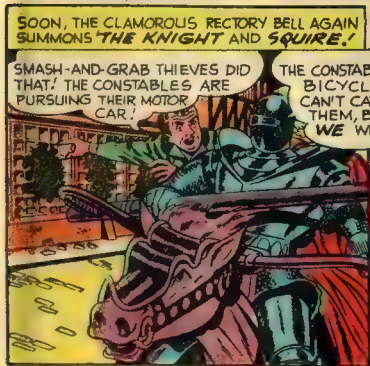
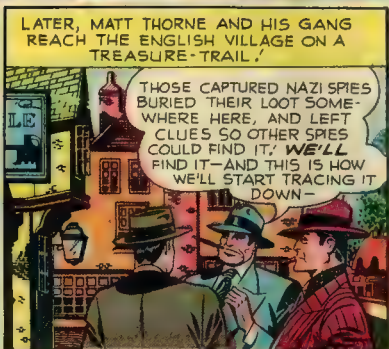
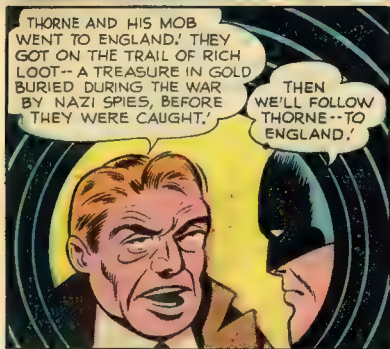
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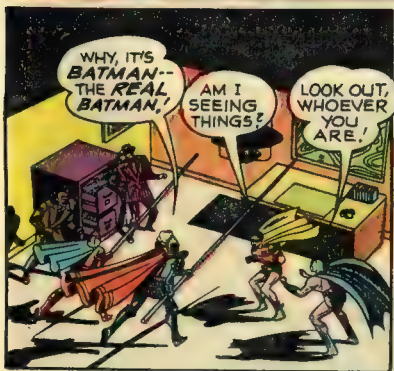
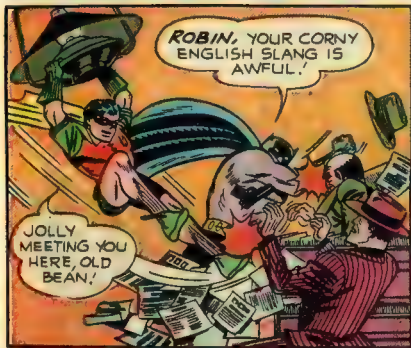
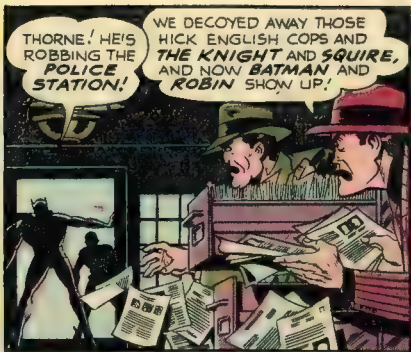
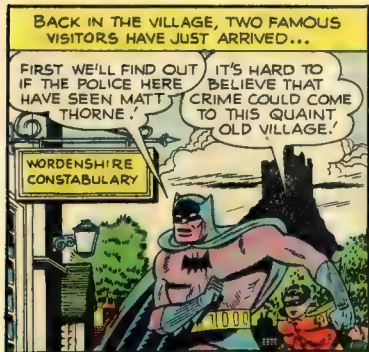
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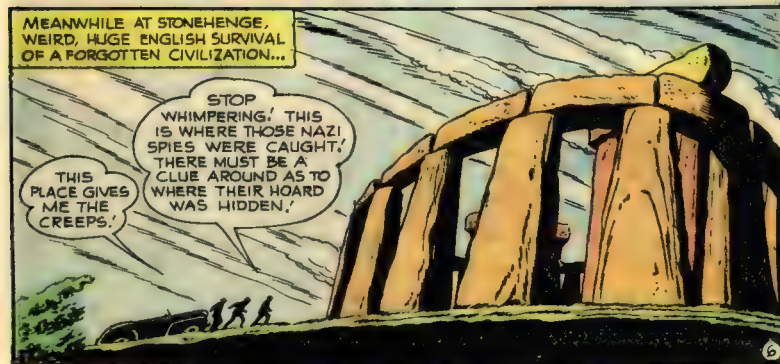
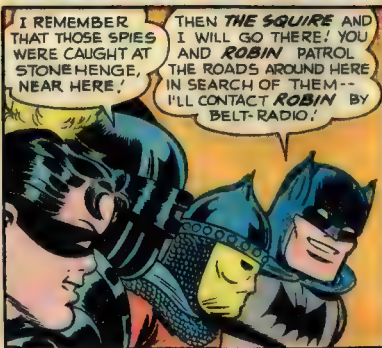
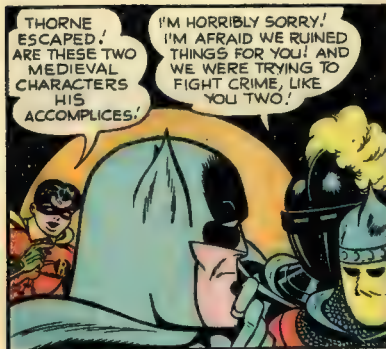
BATMAN--THEY HAD A SPEEDBOAT FOR A GETAWAY--AND THE NEAREST RIVER POLICE ARE MILES AWAY!

I THINK THE BATMOBILE CAN BEAT THEM TO THAT BRIDGE, AND THEN--

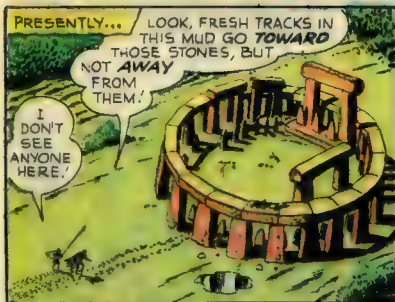
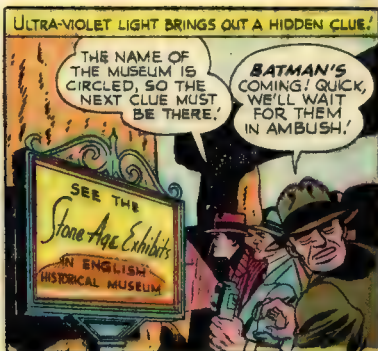
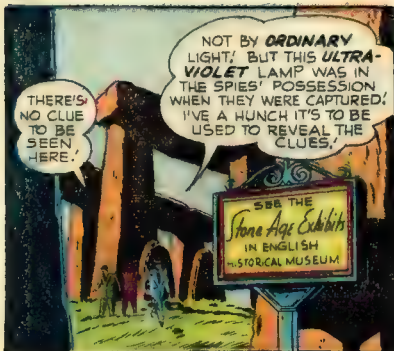


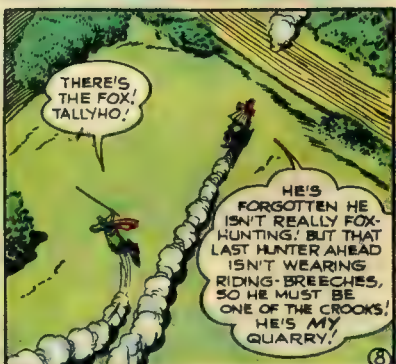
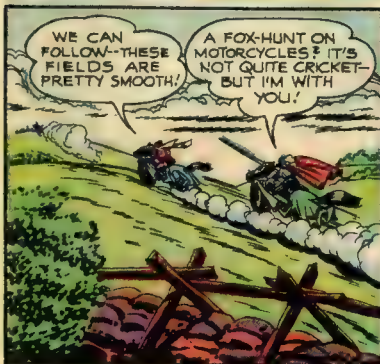
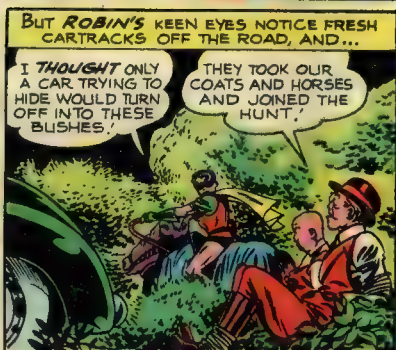
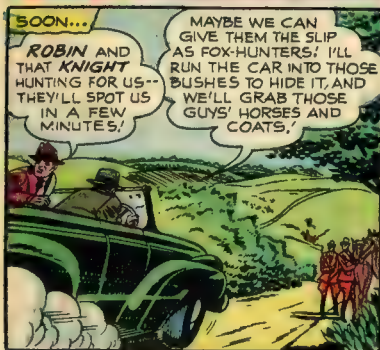
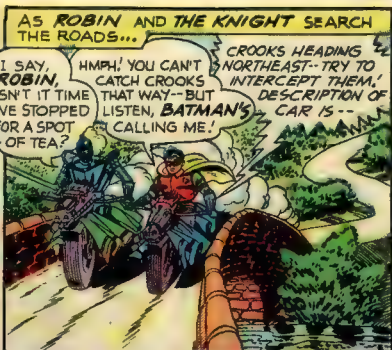




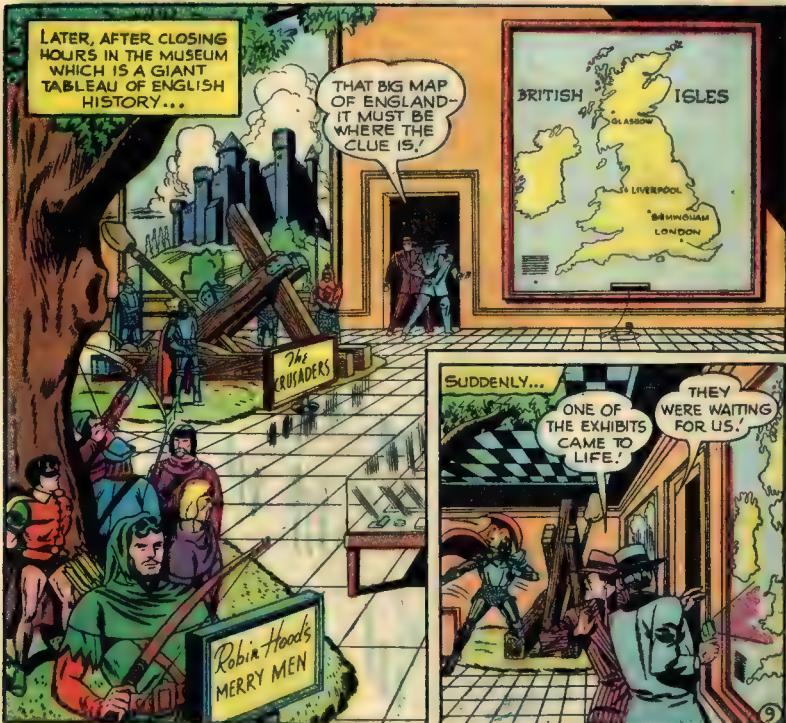
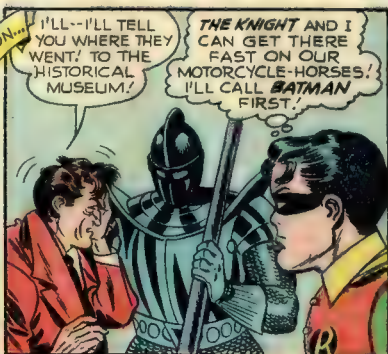


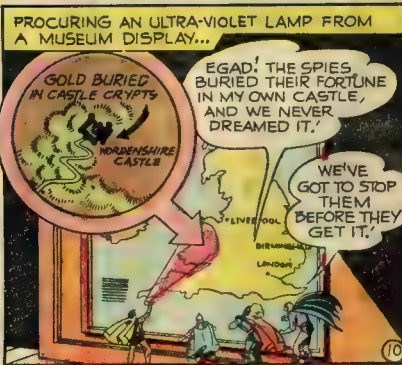
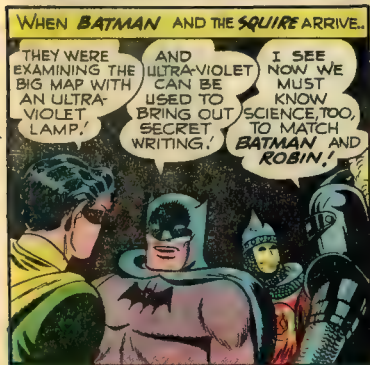
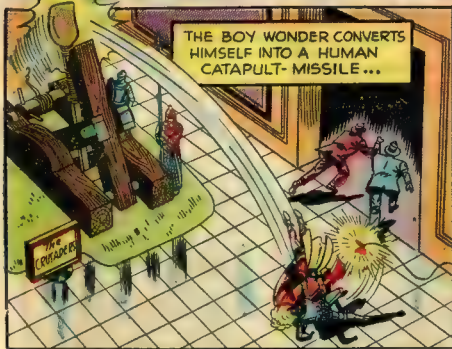
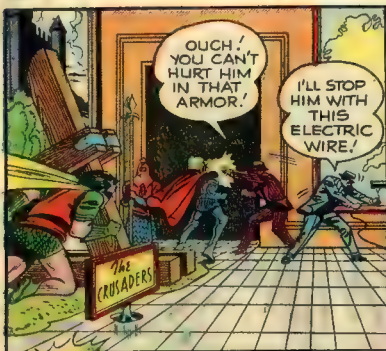




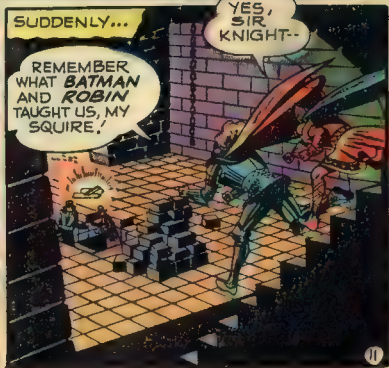
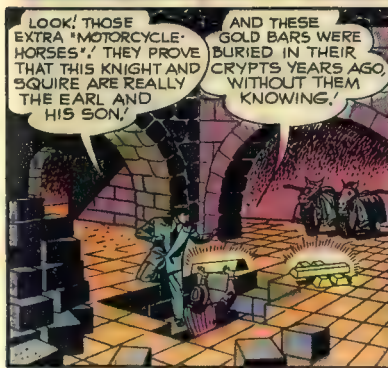
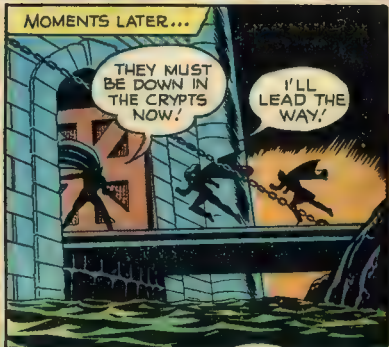
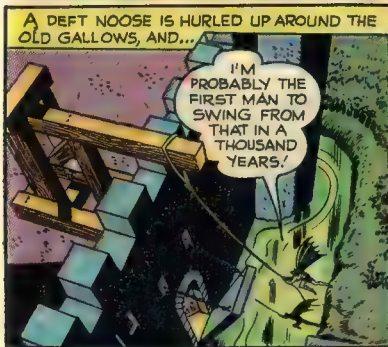
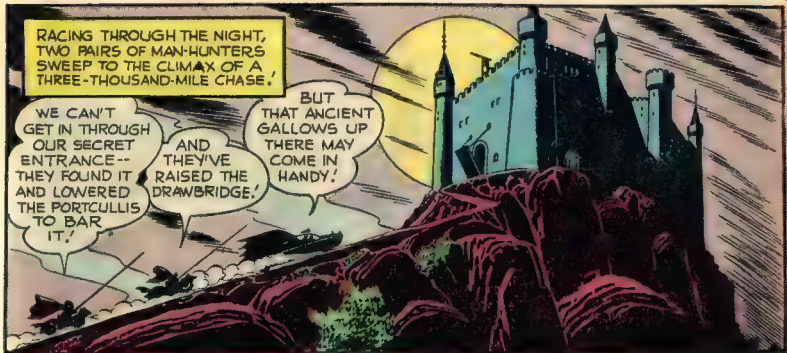


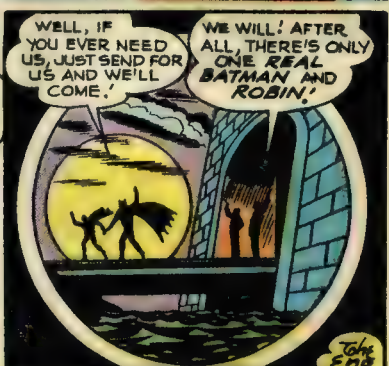
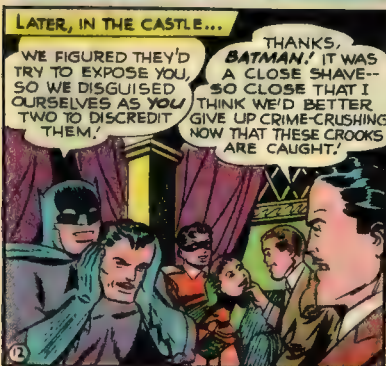
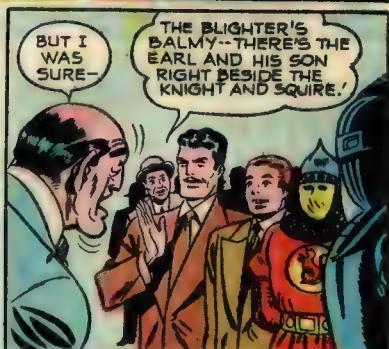
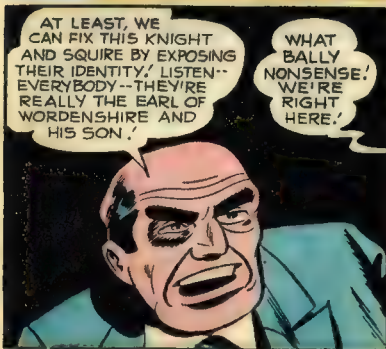
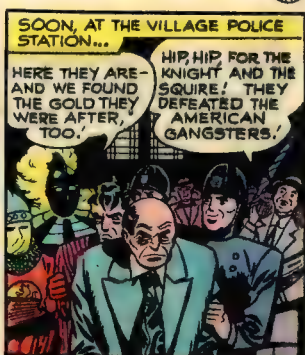












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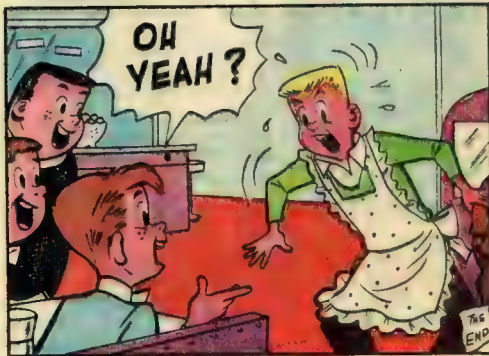
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# EARLY AMERICAN FLAGS

**H**ERALDRY is as old as the human race, and the carrying of banners has been the habit of nations since the beginning of time.

Some years ago in northern India, Sir John Marshall, head of the archaeological service of the government of India, discovered two abandoned cities; one at a site now called Mohenjo-Daro, the other at Harappa, cities which are believed to have thrived about 3,500 B.C. and which were in close contact with the earliest civilizations of Babylonia. Among the objects found in the former city was a seal, used to sign documents, and showing a procession of seven men carrying square standards, held aloft on poles like modern flags. These ancient "flags" were not made of cloth but were rigid solids, like boards.

It was, therefore, most natural that America should have had its colonial flags as soon as the first colonists settled, and that those flags should have been created in an infinite variety.

Far back in American history, the Vikings carried a flag which bore a black raven on a field of white.

Then in 1492, Columbus sailed to our shores and his three small ships displayed the Spanish flag, bearing two red lions on two white fields and two yellow castles on two red fields.

The Dutch brought their own striped flags when they settled in New Amsterdam, which we now call New York, and pioneers from other nations also brought along the standards of their countries when they settled on our shores.

The British flag, under which the English colonization of America was effected, remained the flag of the colonists for more than a hundred years and is therefore of special significance to our country in the evolution of our National flag.

This flag is represented by the canton of the Grand Union flag. For centuries, the flag of England was the red cross of St. George on a white field and the flag of Scotland was the white cross of St. Andrew on a blue field.

Shortly after 1603, when England and Scotland became one nation, the two crosses were blended together. The Scottish flag was retained as the background of the new banner and the cross of St. George was superimposed on it. To retain a semblance of the white field of the English flag, the red cross of St. George was mounted on a strip of white which extends out and beyond the borders of the cross, making it stand out prominently.

Our separation from the mother country came gradually and it was only by degrees that the union flag of Great Britain was discarded. In fact, the final breach between the colonies and Great Britain brought about the removal of the union from the canton of our striped flag and the substitution of stars in a blue field.

Back in the days of the Revolution, there were colonial or regimental flags by the score. While the pine tree was a popular design, there were numerous other symbols, such as beavers, anchors and rattlesnakes, or combinations of these symbols with appropriate slogans.

In early accounts of colonial activities, liberty poles and trees play an important part. There was a fine old elm in Hanover Square, Boston, where the Sons of Liberty met, and which was known as the Liberty Tree.

A wide-spreading live oak in Charleston, South Carolina, made a shelter under which the leading patriots of the day gathered to discuss political questions, and there the Declaration of Independence was first read to the people of the City.

When, in 1652, the colony of Massachusetts first established a mint, the general court ordained that all pieces of money should bear on one side a tree, thus bringing into being the famous pinetree shillings.

Later, a white flag with a green pine tree and the inscription "An Appeal to Heaven" became familiar on the seas as the ensign of cruisers commissioned by General Washington, a fact which was noted by many English newspapers at that time.

Meanwhile, the rattlesnake theme was gaining increasing prestige with the colonists, and eventually a coiled serpent at the foot of the tree was added to the pine tree design. The slogan, "Don't Tread On Me," almost invariably appeared on rattlesnake flags.

The Moultrie flag was the first distinctive American flag displayed in the South. It flew over the ramparts of the fort on Sullivan's Island, which lies in the channel leading to Charleston, South Carolina, when the British fleet, under the command of Sir Peter Parker, attacked on June 28, 1776. The British ships opened fire at about 10:30 A.M. and continued the bombardment for approximately ten hours, but the garrison, consisting of some 375 regulars and a few militia, under the command of Colonel William Moultrie, put up such a gallant defense that the British were forced to withdraw under cover of darkness.

This victory not only saved the southern colonies from invasion for some two years but marked the first defeat of a British naval force over a period of years. The design of this large blue flag with a white crescent in the upper corner next to the staff was suggested by the blue uniforms of the garrison and the silver crescents which the men wore on their caps, inscribed with the words "Liberty or Death."

The maritime state of Rhode Island had its own flag, which was carried at Brandywine, Trenton and Yorktown. It bore an anchor, thirteen stars and the word "Hope," and its white stars in a blue field are believed by many to have suggested the "starry blue field" of our National flag.

There were a number of other famous New England flags, and noteworthy among them was the Bunker Hill. This flag, which was one of the first to include the pine tree, must be recognized as one of those carried by the American colonial troops who opposed the British Regulars at the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775.

Strikingly similar to the Stars and Stripes is the flag carried by the Green Mountain boys at the Battle of Bennington on August 16, 1777. It has sometimes been claimed that this flag was the true forerunner of the Stars and Stripes and that our National flag was fashioned after the pattern of the Bennington flag, but there appears to be nothing in the written history of the flag that would verify this claim.

No type of flag appeared in a greater variety of patterns than the rattlesnake flag, and this symbol appears again and again in early American flags. A flag of this type was the standard of the South Carolina Navy; one of its variants was the emblem of the Culpepper Minute Men at Virginia; and still another, the rattlesnake, superimposed on a plain yellow banner, was known as the Gadsden flag.

One writer of the time quaintly stated that as the rattlesnake's eye exceeded in brightness that of any other animal, and she had no eyelids, she might therefore be esteemed a symbol of vigilance; that inasmuch as she never began an attack, nor, when once engaged, ever surrendered, she was therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage.

It was probably the deadly bite of the rattler, however, which was foremost in the minds of its designers, and the threatening slogan "Don't Tread On Me," added further significance to the design.

All of these flags and scores of others disappeared soon after the Stars and Stripes was adopted, yet the insignia shown on some of them was retained in some cases and now appears occasionally on state flags.





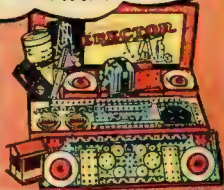
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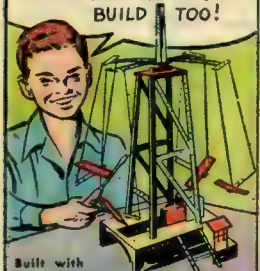
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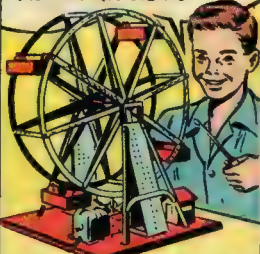


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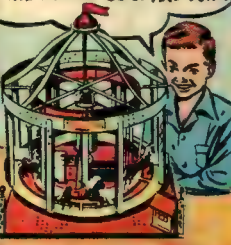
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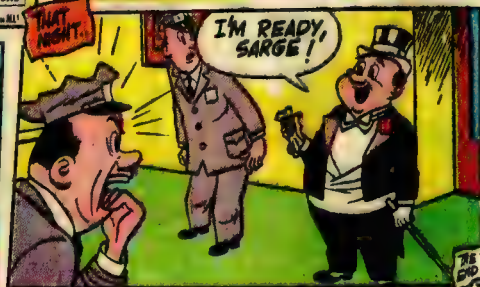


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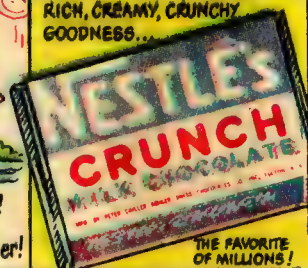


Not a bite all mornin'...  
and Neddy Nestle's yawnin'...



He munches Crunch!  
Oh Brother,  
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## "The MYSTERY OF MILLIONAIRE ISLAND!"

WAIT, BATMAN...  
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN  
YOUR PASSPORT TO  
MILLIONAIRE  
ISLAND!





ONE NIGHT, IN THE GOTHAM CITY MANSION OF WEALTHY SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

WHAT A STRANGE INVITATION! IT DOESN'T GIVE THE LOCATION OF THE HOUSE, AND IT ISN'T EVEN SIGNED! OH, WELL... TOMORROW'S THURSDAY-- SO IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE I KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, DICK!

THIS WAS JUST DELIVERED, MR. WAYNE!

THANK YOU, ALFRED! HMM... THE ENVELOPE'S EDGED IN GOLD! I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE?

You are invited to a private showing of  
**The House of Tomorrow**  
to be held on Thursday,  
October 23.  
Please be at Pier 4 at 8 P.M.  
where a chartered ship will  
take you to the site in time  
for dinner.  
Bruce Wayne

NEXT EVENING, A MOST SELECT GROUP GATHERS AT PIER 4...

THERE'S BARTON HUGHES AND FIELDING ECKER! AND I RECOGNIZE MOST OF THE OTHERS FROM NEWSPAPER PICTURES! WHY, EVERYONE IN THIS PARTY IS A **MILLIONAIRE!**

PRESENTLY, AS THE SHIP-- WITH ITS MILLION-DOLLAR HUMAN CARGO-- SETS SAIL...

YOU'RE RIGHT, MR. ECKER! I HAD TO FIND OUT WHERE THAT MYSTERIOUS INVITATION WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD US!

LIKE THE REST OF US, WAYNE, YOUR CURIOSITY MUST'VE GOTTEN THE BETTER OF YOU! WHY ELSE WOULD YOU COME OUT IN THIS STORM?

HOUSE OF TOMORROW PARTY

LATER, IN THE MYSTERIOUS SHIP'S PILOT HOUSE...

WELL, I'VE SEARCHED THE ENTIRE SHIP AND FOUND NO ONE ABOARD EXCEPT THE MILLIONAIRE GUESTS! AND THIS EQUIPMENT PROVES WE'RE BEING CARRIED TO OUR DESTINATION BY **REMOTE RADIO CONTROL!**

FINALLY, THE VESSEL SLIPS SILENTLY INTO AN ISLAND HARBOR, WHERE...

THAT MUST BE THE **HOUSE OF TOMORROW!** BUT NOBODY'S HERE TO GREET US!

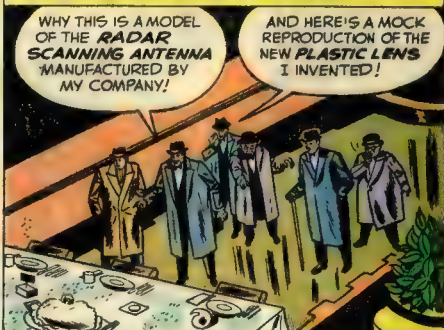


AND AS THE PERPLEXED PARTY ENTERS THE STRANGE BUILDING...



**WELCOME TO THE HOUSE OF TOMORROW! KINDLY PASS INTO THE DINING ROOM ON YOUR RIGHT, WHERE YOU WILL DISCOVER THE REASON YOU HAVE BEEN INVITED HERE!**

MOVING AS IF UNDER SOME STRANGE SPELL, THE GROUP OBEYS THEIR UNSEEN COMMANDER...



WHY THIS IS A MODEL OF THE **RADAR SCANNING ANTENNA** MANUFACTURED BY MY COMPANY!

AND HERE'S A MOCK REPRODUCTION OF THE NEW **PLASTIC LENS** I INVENTED!

HMM... AT EACH MAN'S PLACE IS MINUTURE OF THE PRODUCT FOR WHICH HE'S MOST WELL-KNOWN! I'M ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED CHEMICALS CORPORATION--WHICH EXPLAINS THIS **CHEMIST'S RETORT!**

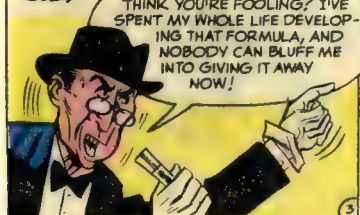


JUST THEN, A SHATTERING ANNOUNCEMENT...

**GENTLEMEN, YOU ARE MY PRISONERS! THE BOAT HAS GONE-- THERE IS NO WAY TO LEAVE THIS ISLAND, AND NO ONE KNOWS YOUR WHEREABOUTS! SINCE EACH OF YOUR FORTUNES DEPENDS UPON A CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET, YOU WILL NOT LEAVE THIS ISLAND ALIVE UNTIL YOU HAVE REVEALED YOUR SECRET TO ME!**



**FIRST, PORTER WEST! GO TO THE MICROPHONE ON THE SIDEBORD AND DICTATE THE SECRET FORMULA FOR YOUR PLASTIC LENS PROCESS! IF YOU REFUSE YOU WILL DIE!**



HA, HA... WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOLING? I'VE SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE DEVELOPING THAT FORMULA, AND NOBODY CAN BLUFF ME INTO GIVING IT AWAY NOW!

WHOEVER HE IS, I'LL SHOW THAT PHANTOM VOICE HE CAN'T SCARE ME! I WAS A CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMER IN COLLEGE... I CAN EASILY MAKE IT TO THE MAINLAND!



WAIT, MR. WEST! IT MIGHT BE WISER TO STAY HERE, WITH THE REST OF US!

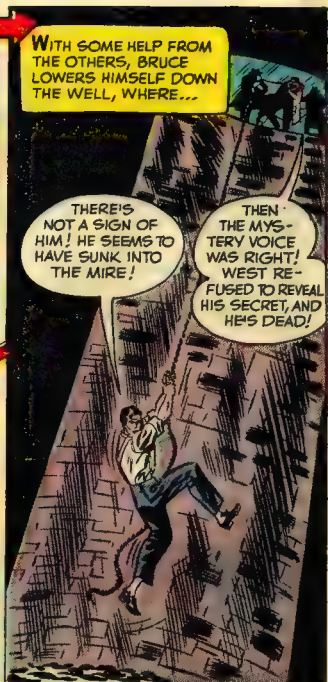


FRANTICALLY, PORTER WEST RUNS TOWARD THE BEACH, AND AS THE OTHERS RUSH OUT TO STOP HIM...

GOOD GRIEF! HIS FOOTPRINTS END AT THIS ABANDONED WELL! IN HIS HASTE, HE PROBABLY DIDN'T SEE IT-- AND HE FELL IN!

PERHAPS WE CAN STILL SAVE HIM!

WITH SOME HELP FROM THE OTHERS, BRUCE LOWERS HIMSELF DOWN THE WELL, WHERE...



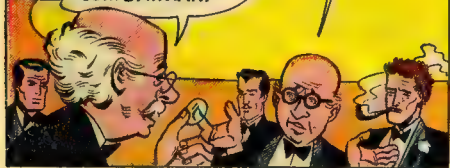
THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF HIM! HE SEEMS TO HAVE SUNK INTO THE MIRE!

THEN THE MYSTERY VOICE WAS RIGHT! WEST REFUSED TO REVEAL HIS SECRET, AND HE'S DEAD!

LATER, BACK IN THE WEIRD HOUSE OF THE FUTURE...

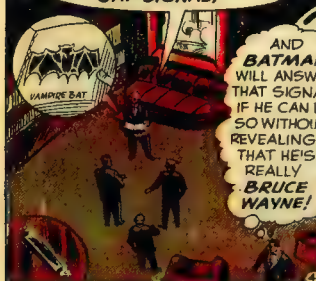
IT IS NOW EVIDENT THAT WHOEVER IS BEHIND THIS BIZARRE SCHEME, HE WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO FORCE US TO REVEAL OUR SECRETS! UNLESS WE GET HELP, WE'RE DOOMED! AND THERE IS ONE PERSON WHO CAN HELP US... **BATMAN!**

BUT HOW CAN WE GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM, PROFESSOR HENDRIX?



THIS NATURE BOOK I NOTICED WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVED... IT CONTAINS A FULL-PAGE PICTURE OF A **BAT!** I'LL CUT IT OUT AND FOCUS IT ON THE SKY THROUGH WEST'S MINIATURE LENS! ITS IMAGE SHOULD RESEMBLE THE **BAT-SIGNAL!**

AND AS THE PROFESSOR PLACES THE LENS AND THE PICTURE BEFORE A POWERFUL LAMP...



AND **BATMAN** WILL ANSWER THAT SIGNAL-- IF HE CAN DO SO WITHOUT REVEALING THAT HE'S REALLY **BRUCE WAYNE!**

YOU'VE DONE IT, PROFESSOR HENDRIX! NOW, LET'S HOPE **BATMAN** SEES THAT CALL FOR HELP!



THEN, AFTER A LONG, TENSE VIGIL...

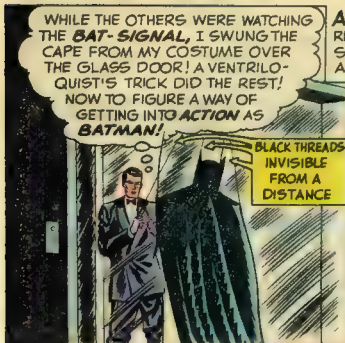
**BATMAN**-- YOU'VE COME! WE'RE SURE GLAD TO SEE YOU!

HELLO, WAYNE... YOUR SIGNAL WAS A BIT WEAK, BUT I WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW IT HERE IN THE **BATPLANE!**

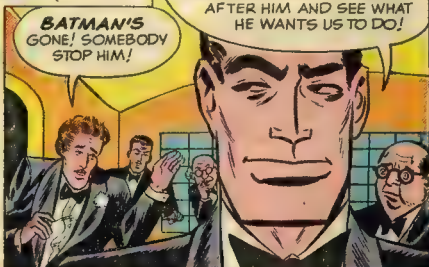


BUT WAIT! IF **BATMAN** AND BRUCE WAYNE ARE THE SAME MAN, HOW CAN THEY BOTH BE HERE AT THE SAME TIME?

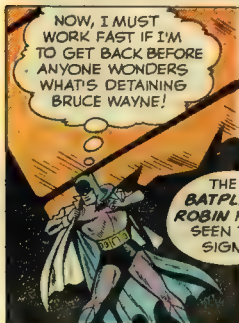




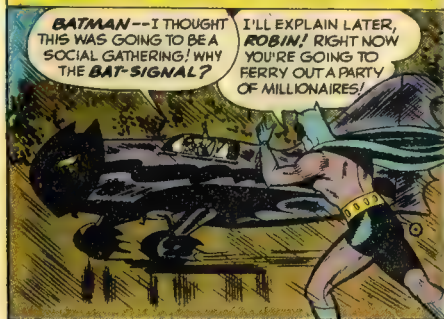
ABRUPTLY, BRUCE RELEASES THE SUPPORTING THREADS, AND...



PRETENDING TO FOLLOW THE CAPED LAWMAN, BRUCE RUSHES OUT INTO THE NIGHT...



AND AS THE **BATPLANE** SLOWLY DESCENDS TO EARTH...



SUDDENLY...



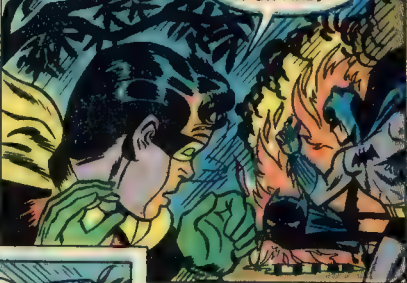
AND AS THE **DYNAMIC DUO** RACES FOR COVER...

NOW'S MY CHANCE! NOT EVEN **BATMAN** CAN RUIN MY INGENIOUS PLAN!



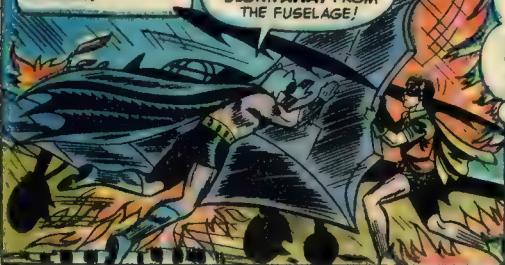
MOMENTS LATER...

WAIT!  
THE **BATPLANE**...  
SOMEONE'S SET  
IT ON FIRE!



AS IF IN ANSWER TO A FIVE-ALARM SIGNAL, THE TORNADO TEAM BACKTRACKS TOWARD THE RAGING BLAZE...

SWING THE TAIL AROUND SO THAT THE SHIP HEADS DOWN-WIND! THAT WAY, THE FLAMES WILL BE BLOWN AWAY FROM THE FUSELAGE!



SOON...

THAT CHEMICAL FIRE-EXTINGUISHING POWDER, FROM YOUR **UTILITY BELT**, DID THE TRICK, **BATMAN**! THE FLAMES ARE UNDER CONTROL!

YES, BUT THE RADIO'S OUT, AND THE MOTOR WILL REQUIRE REPAIRS BEFORE WE CAN USE THE **BATPLANE** AGAIN! ALSO, I MUST GET BACK TO THAT HOUSE AS **BRUCE WAYNE**, PRONTO!



MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE HOUSE OF DOOM...

THERE'S SOME KIND OF FIRE DOWN NEAR THE BEACH, BUT I COULDN'T MAKE OUT WHAT IT WAS!

SO WHAT? WHO CARES ABOUT A LITTLE BEACH FIRE, MARTIN? WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE?



AND AS IF IN ANSWER TO HUGHES' FRIGHTENED QUERY...

YOU ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO WEST WHEN HE REFUSED TO REVEAL HIS SECRET! NOW, ANOTHER HAS THE CHOICE OF LIFE... OR DEATH!

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A Story from the Files of the World Health Organization

EGYPT, 1947... IN THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH...

**CHOLERA!**

ANOTHER EPIDEMIC HAS BROKEN OUT!

WE MUST ACT QUICKLY! ALL OUT-GOING PLANES MUST BE STOPPED AT ONCE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD TO OTHER COUNTRIES!

SWIFTLY, DOCTORS AND HEALTH WORKERS WERE MOBILIZED FOR THE BATTLE AGAINST THE DREAD KILLER! BUT...

WE CAN DISINFECT HOMES AND DESTROY THE BREEDING PLACES OF FLIES CARRYING THE GERM-- BUT WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH VACCINE TO INOCULATE OUR 19,000,000 PEOPLE!

THERE'S ONLY ONE HOPE!

AND SOON, AT THE GENEVA, SWITZERLAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS' WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FORMED ONE YEAR BEFORE...

MESSAGES ARE BEING SENT OUT TO OUR MEMBER NATIONS FOR HELP TO EGYPT! I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT OUR APPEAL WILL BE SUCCESSFUL!

I HOPE SO! EIGHT OUT OF TEN VICTIMS DIED IN EGYPT'S LAST CHOLERA EPIDEMIC!

IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, PLANES FROM THE U.S., BRAZIL, CHINA, ITALY, HOLLAND, THE USSR AND MANY OTHERS WINGED TOWARD EGYPT-- AN AIR CARAVAN OF MERCY CARRYING TONS OF VACCINE, HYPODERMIC NEEDLES, DRUGS AND OTHER WEAPONS TO CONQUER THE DEADLY DISEASE!

FOR SIX WEEKS THE EPIDEMIC RAGED, UNTIL FINALLY...

WE'VE WON! IT'S UNDER CONTROL! OVER 15,000,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INOCULATED!

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE DIED-- BUT MILLIONS HAVE BEEN SAVED BY QUICK INTERNATIONAL TEAMWORK... THANKS TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION!

THIS IS YOUR UNITED NATIONS AT WORK! WHEN YOU CELEBRATE UN DAY ON OCTOBER 24, BE PROUD YOUR COUNTRY IS A MEMBER NATION. THROUGH THE UN, OUR NATION IS WORKING WITH OTHER NATIONS FOR BETTER HEALTH AND HAPPINESS FOR PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER!

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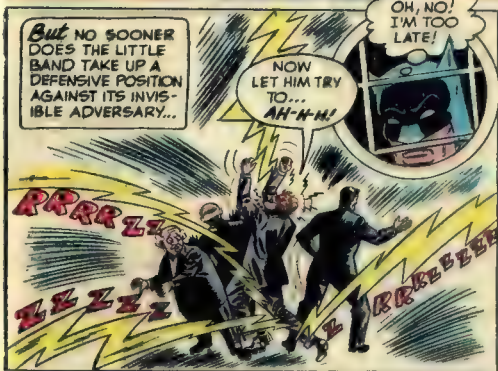


NO! I'LL NEVER DIVULGE THAT SECRET! WEST LOST HIS HEAD AND RAN INTO YOUR TRAP... BUT I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE, WITH THE OTHERS! YOU CAN'T INTIMIDATE ME!



DON'T SIT IN THAT CHAIR, ECKER! IT MAY BE WIRED!

YOU'RE RIGHT, MARTIN! WE'LL ALL STAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM AND EACH WATCH ONE OF THE WALLS!



BUT NO SOONER DOES THE LITTLE BAND TAKE UP A DEFENSIVE POSITION AGAINST ITS INVISIBLE ADVERSARY...

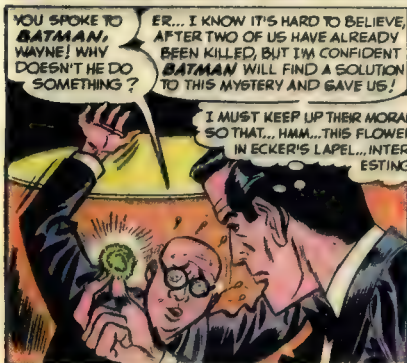
OH, NO! I'M TOO LATE!

NOW LET HIM TRY TO... AH-N-H!

WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, BATMAN SWITCHES BACK TO BRUCE WAYNE AND RACES TO THE STRICKEN ECKER'S SIDE...

HE-HE'S BEEN ELECTROCUTED! THE VOICE MADE GOOD ITS THREAT!

SEE? THERE'S A METAL PLATE ON THE FLOOR, AT THE SPOT WHERE HE WAS STANDING! BUT STILL... HOW WAS THE ELECTRIC CIRCUIT COMPLETED?



YOU SPOKE TO BATMAN, WAYNE! WHY DOESN'T HE DO SOMETHING?

ER... I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, AFTER TWO OF US HAVE ALREADY BEEN KILLED, BUT I'M CONFIDENT BATMAN WILL FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS MYSTERY AND GAVE US!

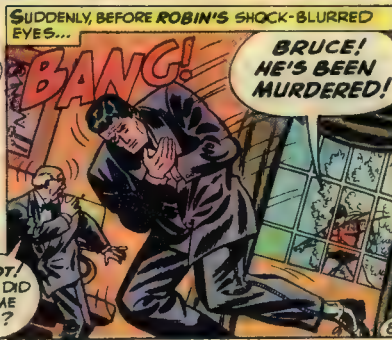
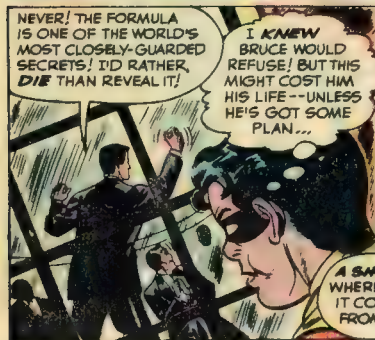
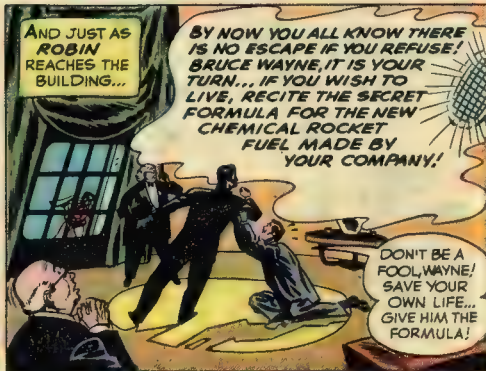
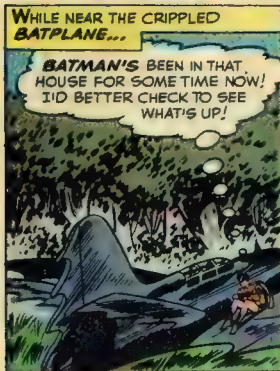
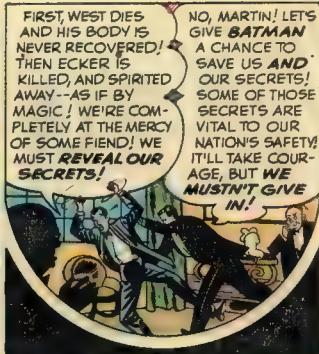
I MUST KEEP UP THEIR MORALE SO THAT... HAM... THIS FLOWER IN ECKER'S LAPEL... INTERESTING!

ABRUPTLY...

THE LIGHTS! WHO TURNED THEM OUT?

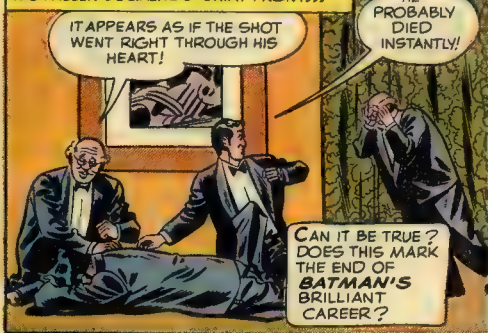
IS THE PHANTOM VOICE GOING TO STRIKE DOWN SOMEONE ELSE?

SECONDS LATER, AS THE LIGHT GOES ON AGAIN...

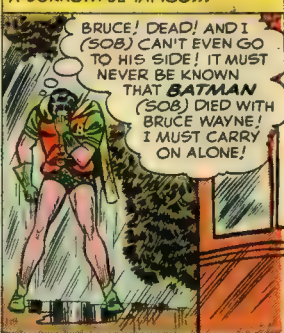




AND AS A CRIMSON-HUED BLOT APPEARS ON THE FALLEN SOCIALITE'S SHIRT FRONT...



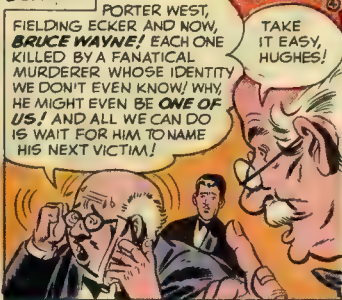
WHILE OUTSIDE, AS THE RAIN BEATS A SORROWFUL TATTOO...

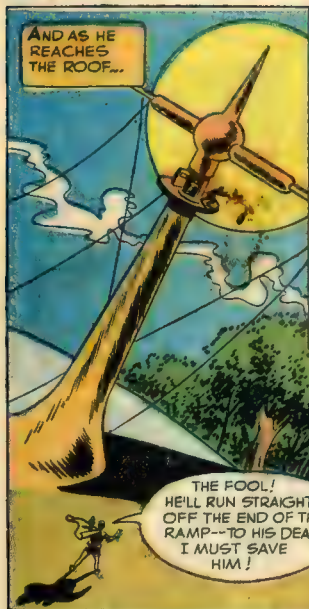


BUT ONE THING I CAN DO FOR MY FRIEND--AND THAT'S TO **FIND HIS MURDERER!** I'LL NEVER REST UNTIL **BATMAN'S** KILLER IS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE!



AND BACK IN THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE, WHICH HAS NOW BECOME THE **HOUSE OF DEATH...**



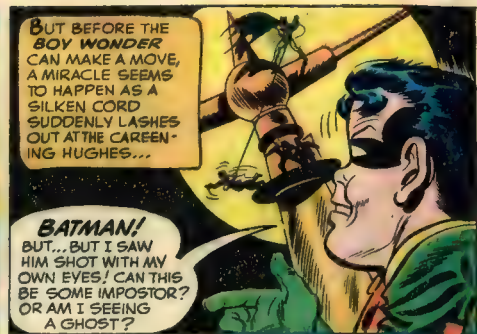


AND AS HE REACHES THE ROOF...

BUT BEFORE THE **BOY WONDER** CAN MAKE A MOVE, A MIRACLE SEEMS TO HAPPEN AS A SILKEN CORD SUDDENLY LASHES OUT AT THE CAREENING HUGHES...

**BATMAN!**

BUT... BUT I SAW HIM SHOT WITH MY OWN EYES! CAN THIS BE SOME IMPOSTOR? OR AM I SEEING A GHOST?



LOWERING HUGHES SAFELY TO THE ROOF TOP, THE CAPED FIGURE PROVES TO BE NO APPARITION!

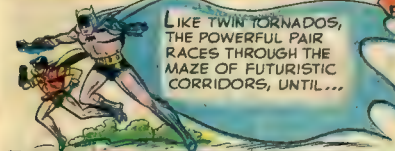
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO ASK, **ROBIN!** AND THE ANSWER IS JUST ONE PART OF THIS WHOLE FANTASTIC AFFAIR! BUT BEFORE I GO INTO THAT, WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO! COME ON...

GOLLY, **BATMAN!** IS IT REALLY YOU? THIS IS THE HAPPIEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE! BUT HOW...



THE FOOL! HE'LL RUN STRAIGHT OFF THE END OF THE RAMP--TO HIS DEATH! I MUST SAVE HIM!

LIKE TWIN TORNADOS, THE POWERFUL PAIR RACES THROUGH THE MAZE OF FUTURISTIC CORRIDORS, UNTIL...



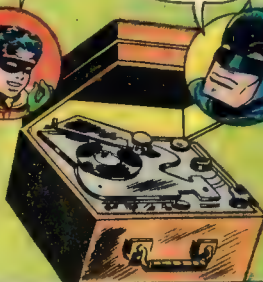
RIGHT! ONE PICKS UP THE VICTIMS' VOICES... THE OTHER BROADCASTS OUR MYSTERY VILLAIN'S VOICE THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE! AND BOTH MACHINES CAN BE OPERATED BY REMOTE CONTROL!

LOOK! TWO WIRE-RECORDING SETS!



NOW I GET IT... THE MURDERER DOESN'T HAVE TO BE NEAR THESE SETS AT ALL!

EXACTLY, **ROBIN!** AND THE NEXT TIME THIS MACHINE STARTS WORKING, WE'LL BE ABLE TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY!





MEANWHILE...

HERE... TAKE THIS GLASS OF WATER, HUGHES! IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER! LUCKY BATMAN CAME ALONG IN TIME TO SAVE YOU!

WAYNE'S BODY HAS DISAPPEARED JUST THE WAY WEST'S AND ECKER'S DID!

SUDDENLY, LIKE A HURRICANE'S BLAST...

BUT YOU **WILL** KNOW IN JUST ABOUT 30 SECONDS-- AS SOON AS MY **POCKET RADIO DIRECTION FINDER** LEADS ME TO HIM!

BATMAN!

THIS **PORTABLE RADIO TRANS-MITTER**, CONCEALED INSIDE WEST'S CANE, IS WHAT CAUSED MY **DIRECTION FINDER** TO POINT TO HIS HIDING PLACE! WITH IT, HE SENT SIGNALS WHICH ACTIVATED THE **WIRE RECORDER** AND THE "**DEATH DEVICES**" WHICH APPEARED TO KILL ECKER AND WAYNE!

JUST THEN, AN ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR VOICE...

**PROFESSOR HENDRIX!** YOU HAVE SEEN MY POWER! YOU HAVE ONLY ONE CHOICE! GIVE ME THE SECRET FORMULA FOR GRINDING YOUR GIANT LENS!

YOU MIGHT AS WELL DO IT, PROFESSOR! THE OTHERS TRIED TO ESCAPE -- AND FAILED! WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO'S GOT US TRAPPED HERE!

HERE HE IS! QUICK, **ROBIN**... GRAB HIS CANE!

**PORTER WEST!** BUT WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!

HUH?

WHAT A FIENDISH SCHEME! WEST, YOU CERTAINLY DESERVE THE FATE YOU'LL RECEIVE IN THE **ELECTRIC CHAIR**, FOR MURDERING ECKER AND WAYNE!

NO--WEST WILL BE PUNISHED, BUT HE WON'T RECEIVE THE SUPREME PENALTY! YOU SEE, ECKER AND WAYNE ARE STILL ALIVE!

BUT WE **SAW** THEM KILLED!



LEADING THE BEWILDERED GROUP INTO THE LIVING ROOM, **BATMAN** PRESSES A CONCEALED BUTTON...

WHAT'S THIS?... A SECRET SET OF STAIRS LEADING UNDER THE BUILDING!

IF YOU GO DOWN THERE, YOU'LL FIND WAYNE AND ECKER! BY NOW, THEY SHOULD JUST BE ROUSING FROM A HARMLESS SLEEP! **ROBIN** AND I MUST LEAVE YOU NOW, TO REPAIR THE **BATPLANE!**



AS THE THREE MILLIONAIRES DESCEND INTO THE UNACCUSTOMED DARKNESS, THEY DO NOT SEE A BLACK-CLOAKED FIGURE DASH PAST THEM--AND A MOMENT LATER...

JUST GOT OUT OF MY COSTUME IN TIME! THEY'LL THINK **BATMAN** LEFT WITH **ROBIN!**

WAYNE! ECKER! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WHA...WHAT HAPPENED?



AND SO, AFTER THE POLICE RESCUE THE MILLIONAIRES AND JAIL WEST, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RETURN TO THE **BATCAVE**, WHERE...

SO WEST **PRETENDED** TO BE KILLED, THEN FAKED THE MURDER OF YOU AND ECKER, EH, **BATMAN?**

YES, **ROBIN**... HE WANTED TO FRIGHTEN THE SURVIVORS INTO GIVING UP THEIR SECRETS!



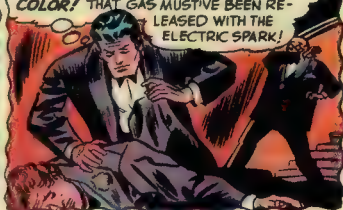
"I FIRST SUSPECTED WEST WHEN, AS BRUCE WAYNE, I WAS LOWERED INTO THE WELL TO TRY AND SAVE HIM..."

WEST COULDN'T HAVE FALLEN ALL THE WAY TO THE WATER! THOSE COBWEGS ARE UNBROKEN! PERHAPS THERE'S A SECRET WAY OUT OF HERE!



"AND SINCE ECKER WAS STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FLOOR--CONTACTING ONLY A POWER SOURCE, WITHOUT BEING GROUNDED HIMSELF--I KNEW HE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ELECTROCUTED..."

HIS WHITE CARNATION HAS TURNED GREEN! THERE'S A CERTAIN GAS WHICH CAN MAKE A PERSON **APPEAR DEAD**, AND WHICH CAN ALSO **TURN A FLOWER'S COLOR!** THAT GAS MUST'VE BEEN RELEASED WITH THE ELECTRIC SPARK!



WHEN **MY** NAME CAME UP, I SIMPLY STUFFED MY NOSTRILS WITH FILTERS FROM MY UTILITY BELT, AND...

HUH? I WASN'T HIT BY ANY BULLET... IT'S JUST A GLASS PELLET WHICH RELEASES A **SLEEPING GAS** AND A **RED SUBSTANCE** WHEN IT HITS MY CHEST! LUCKY I'M WEARING THOSE FILTERS...

I'LL PLAY POSSUM AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!



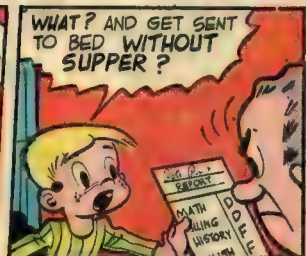
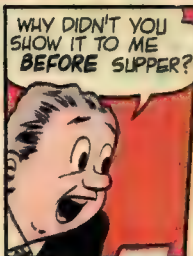
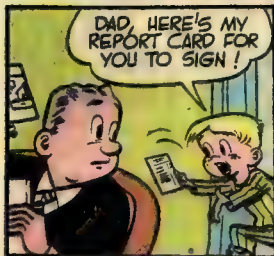
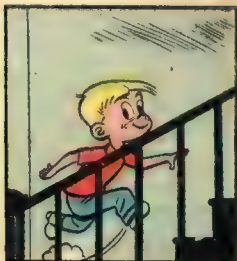
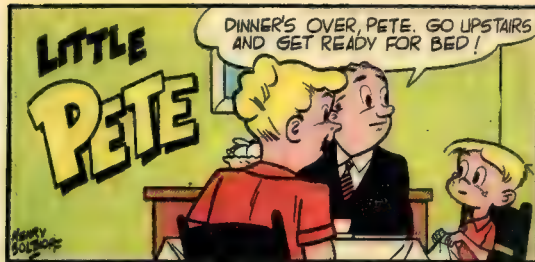
WHEN THE OTHERS RAN AFTER HUGHES, WEST CARRIED ME DOWN THE SECRET STAIRCASE--JUST AS HE DID WITH ECKER--SO THAT A CLOSER EXAMINATION WOULDN'T REVEAL US TO ACTUALLY BE ALIVE!

WELL, I HOPE YOU NEVER HAVE TO PULL THAT "DYING" ACT AGAIN! IT WAS TOO REALISTIC FOR COMFORT!



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